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To a tee

Red Hawks golfer Cole Finlay drives from the tee during the Kawartha West round two championship on Sept. 24 at the Blairhampton Golf Course in Minden. **Darren Lum** Staff



MH pays out former staffer

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It's unknown how much Minden Hills township paid to settle a lawsuit with a former community services department employee, but the township's legal bills to deal with the situation amount to more than \$11,000.

Richie Lyddiatt was dismissed in early 2013 and took legal action against the township.

The *Times* filed a Freedom of Information request for legal and settlement costs.

The paper was denied the minutes of settlement under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, with the township contending the information was subject to client-solicitor privilege.

The paper did receive copies of invoices from law firm Hicks Morley totalling approximately \$11,430, including HST, paid between August and December of 2013.

The description of the services in the documentation is redacted.

"I cannot comment on the Lyddiatt matter as the minutes of settlement are confi-

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Candidates tackle unity and marketing in AH

➤ All-candidates meeting held in Dorset for two contested seats in municipality

Jenn Watt
Editor

Pulling together three distinct communities, unifying the municipality and promoting that package to the world is one of the big issues councillors looking to represent the people of Algonquin Highlands were grappling with at a recent all-candidates meeting.

Finding the best way to connect Dorset, Stanhope and Oxtongue Lake and get the word out about the area's beauty and opportunities came up several times

throughout the evening debate facilitated by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Haliburton's CARP chapter on Sept. 25.

Only four candidates took part in the meeting – Sarah Coombs and Brian Lynch for Ward 1 and Bob Buckingham and Marlene Kyle for Ward 3 – as the other three seats on council were filled by acclamation.

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New rescue gear for fire dept.

The Minden Hills Fire Department are proud to present their water rescue craft and the two new cutters (also known as jaws of life) valued at \$11,000, as a result of the community's support the past two years through public events organized by the Minden Hills Firefighters Association. The association also made a \$1,000 donation to the Haliburton County Food for Kids program. There are 27 firefighters.

Darren Lum
Staff

MH pays for moving, living expenses of former employees

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills residents paid for moving and living expenses of two former senior staff members, documentation obtained through Freedom of Information requests reveals.

When former community services director Janette Loveys started with the township in January of 2013, the township paid for at least a portion of her costs to relocate from British Columbia.

Loveys was the manager of visitor services and community development for regional parks for Vancouver Island's Regional Capital District before taking the

job with Minden Hills.

The township paid \$4,000 towards Loveys's moving expenses, the maximum amount stipulated in her contract.

Loveys resigned from the township in September of 2013 and now works for the City of Welland.

The township also paid for living expenses of former chief administrative officer/clerk/economic development officer Nancy Wright-Laking.

However, the paper's request for these amounts and to whom they were paid was denied by the township under Section 18.1 of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, with the township contending the substance of the records would reveal the deliberations of a

closed-session meeting.

"Moving expenses are not part of a standard offer of employment for any employee of the Township of Minden Hills," Reeve Barb Reid wrote in an email to the paper. "When negotiating senior level hires, from time to time the municipality will extend an offer for pay for moving expenses (which requires the support of the majority of council).

"Nancy Wright-Laking never moved to Minden Hills so there was no moving expense. Council did vote to pay for temporary local accommodation during the winter months of November 2012 through March 2013."

According to Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, support for these expenses was not unanimous among councillors.

"The slate was still in full fashion at that time," Murdoch said, referring to the former members of Reid's Vision 2010 Team.

Reid told the paper she'd reviewed the minutes of the closed session meeting where the issue was discussed and that there was nothing in the minutes showing disagreement.

Wright-Laking was hired in April of 2012 as clerk/economic development officer and eventual replacement for CAO Gerry Morrison, who was scheduled to retire at the end of that year.

Wright-Laking took on the CAO role early when Morrison was dismissed during the summer.

Wright-Laking resigned in June of this year, leaving the township abruptly.

Councillor Larry Clarke accused the majority of council of forcing her out the door. She is now clerk for the City of Samia.

HR legal costs common for municipalities, reeve says

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dential," Reeve Barb Reid wrote in an email. "What I can tell you is that when the union issues a grievance, the township is obliged to respond and will incur legal expenses accordingly. This is not unique to Minden Hills."

Lyddiatt is now employed with the municipality of Dysart et al. The paper was unable to contact him for comment.

As reported in the *Times* earlier this year, Minden Hills also settled a lawsuit with former chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison, who was dismissed in 2012.

The township's legal bills for that matter were more than \$11,000 and the *Times* is at the adjudication stage before the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, attempting to uncover the amount of the settlement.

Confidentiality is a condition and Morrison was unable to speak to the details.

Former deputy-clerk Laura Cunliffe also sued Minden Hills township after she was let go in February of 2013.

Those legal proceedings are ongoing.

Correction

Last week's story on EQAO test scores featured the two-year average for each school on various skills such as math, reading and writing. The story had said they were last year's numbers, but actually reflected an average of last year's and the previous year's.

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Jim Blake, centre, moderates an all-candidates meeting for Algonquin Highlands on Sept. 25 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. From right to left, Ward 1 candidate Sarah Coombs, Ward 1 candidate Brian Lynch, Blake, Ward 3 candidate Bob Buckingham and Ward 3 candidate Marlene Kyle. The reeve position and the two Ward 2 positions were acclaimed.

Pool mostly panned by candidates

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"I think we need to find a way to pull all of this together to make us one community. I believe that if we are able to do that then we will increase the traffic throughout all of Algonquin Highlands," said Ward 3 candidate and incumbent Marlene Kyle.

Kyle pointed to the recently completed cultural plan as a step toward bringing the area together and marketing its strengths.

Kyle's opposition, candidate Bob Buckingham, said he appreciated the cultural plan and the municipality's official plan, but wanted to see a strategic plan.

"I think we need a plan to actually promote Algonquin Highlands both marketing wise and also I think we need to reinvest in infrastructure," he said.

Marketing and infrastructure were two pillars of Buckingham's message that repeated during the evening.

Ward 1 candidate Brian Lynch said the municipality's enviable trail system could be expanded upon and marketed to bring people to the area.

His competitor Sarah Coombs said she would like to see more emphasis put on the shoulder seasons of fall and spring to create more tourism opportunities.

Perhaps because the field of candidates was so small, few people attended the meeting; however, those who did attend

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It would be nice to have an indoor pool, but I just don't think we're financially set up for that.

— Marlene Kyle
Ward 3 candidate

were engaged and asked topical questions of the would-be councillors.

One audience member asked what candidates would do with the Frost Centre building on Highway 35, which is owned by the province and sits vacant.

Most candidates panned the idea of opening it up again, with Kyle telling the audience she had toured the location and found it in "terrible disrepair."

"I think the property is beautiful, but in order to save those buildings, we couldn't afford to do it," she said.

Buckingham hadn't seen the inside of the buildings, he said, but noted the location would be ideal for a seniors' residence. He said it came down to how much it would cost to repair the build-

ings.

Lynch agreed: "I think it's an ideal spot to have a seniors residence as far as close to the lake, close to highway 35 ... but I think they would have to start with a bulldozer."

Coombs lamented the province's treatment of the buildings, saying she would like to see seniors on the property or another environmental research centre.

On the question of public transportation, most rejected the idea, however Lynch told the group he'd like to see council lobby for changes to insurance laws to allow ride sharing.

"Right now you can't advertise for a passenger to [pay to] go to Minden even if you work there and you're going back and forth every day," he said.

He thought car-pooling was the best solution to the sparse population and long road trips necessary for most residents of the municipality.

When the inevitable question of a public indoor pool came up, there wasn't much interest from the four candidates.

Lynch and Buckingham pointed out that their constituents were much more likely to go to Bracebridge to go swimming and Kyle pointed out that few of the residents of Algonquin Highlands would get their money's worth.

"It would be nice if we could have an indoor pool, but I just don't think we're

financially set up for that," she said.

Coombs was the only candidate who gave any support to the idea.

While calling it a "hard sell," she noted that as a councillor she wouldn't only represent people of Ward 1, but also those closer to Carnarvon and therefore closer to a pool in Minden or Haliburton.

"We need to listen and not just shut it down because it doesn't directly affect our ward or our town," she said, but noted she would only support a proposal that didn't hit the taxpayer too hard.

Other topics included a county police force (no takers on that proposal), a Dorset cenotaph (mild interest expressed) and the proposed Dorset nurses station (it's in the works, those in the know said).

Thursday's meeting was the second in a five-part series of candidates meetings across the county.

On Monday, Oct. 6, the county's candidates for reeve and deputy-reeve will come together for a meeting at Fleming College in Haliburton from 7 to 9 p.m. to discuss their ideas on countywide issues.

To see video of the candidates' closing remarks, go to www.mindentimes.ca.



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Where politics meets public health

Jenn Watt
Editor

Most days, anywhere Minden resident Sue Reid wants to go she can get there on foot.

A village resident for the last 16 years and visitor to the area for 50, Reid walks daily for her health and also to get things done.

"I walk and am very happy to be living in town because I can walk to the Riverwalk or boardwalk and I use them every day," she says.

Her home is situated in an ideal location for one who likes physical activity; she is close enough to walk to the shops downtown, but also has access to trails leading to municipal land including the arena property.

The local municipality plays a central role in providing a town that is walkable for Reid and other Mindenites. The Riverwalk, bridges, courtesy crosswalk and boardwalk – all relatively recent additions – have made using "active transportation" (the term for walking or cycling rather than driving) much easier.

In the midst of the municipal election, a group of health promoters has come together to highlight the importance of local councils in providing healthy communities.

The group, which includes advocates from the health unit and chamber of commerce, created fact sheets and backgrounders that they sent out to political candidates last week.

Along with promoting active transportation, the materials also point out the importance of food security, age-friendly communities, vibrant economies and access to recreation.

According to health unit health promoter Sue Shikaze, the aim of the campaign is to raise awareness of these issues to those who seek a seat at the council table.

"It's sometimes said that municipal politics are the closest to the people – the decisions made by municipal councils have a direct impact on our day to day lives, in a way that provincial and federal elected officials don't always have," Shikaze said.

"Because of this, local councils have the opportunity to have very real, tangible impacts on the health and quality of life of their constituents ... whether it be through investing in recreation programs, trails and paved shoulders, or through policies and bylaws that encourage healthy communities initiatives."

For Reid, that might mean a council willing to expand sidewalks and pathways.

"It would be nice to be able to walk from the downtown to Tim Hortons without going out on the highway," she says.

"It would be nice to get to Rotary Park."

United Church minister Max Ward also commutes by foot to and from the church.

A Minden village resident, he either uses two feet or two wheels to make it to his work or to downtown shopping errands.

Walking around town isn't just about utility for Ward, it is also environmentally friendly, benefits his physical and mental health and is a "good way to stay connected



Darren Lum Staff

Minden resident Sue Reid uses active transportation – walking – to get around town. She says she can do most of her errands on foot throughout the village.

with my partner; good for our marriage," he said in an email to the *Times*.

"I cycle in the warm weather after the last spring road salt and rain and before the late autumn road salt," he says. "Walking is a close second in warm weather and the only one in cold weather."

Ward said candidates' positions on active transportation will inform his vote in this election.

He is pleased with the many improvements for pedestrians around town including the Riverwalk, Logger's bridge and boardwalk. He also says roads workers do a good job keeping the sidewalks clear and safe for walking in the winter.

He'd like to see a pool and also a review of

the ATV/snowmobile bridge. It is currently not open to pedestrians and Ward hopes council might review that decision.

For small-scale farmer Angel Taylor, candidates' position on food security will influence her vote.

Taylor has been active in several of the county's local food initiatives and is the head of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association.

"It is hard to think of anything more important than having food security," Taylor said in an email to the paper. "This is about meeting fundamental human needs. It is very relevant here in Haliburton County both because we have a significant population of low income families and individu-

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It would be nice to be able to walk from the downtown to Tim Hortons without going out on the highway.

— Sue Reid
Minden resident

als for whom having affordable nutritious food is a daily issue and because we are not strong in local food production."

She said she is disappointed that the "A-word" – agriculture – seldom appears in the official plans of local municipalities and would like to see more emphasis put on preserving the agricultural land.

Finding food producers for the farmers' market can be a challenge, Taylor said, because many do not have sufficient product to sell or they choose to sell it elsewhere.

Taylor said she would like to see council take proactive steps "to amend existing [bylaws] and create new bylaws favourable to local food production and according local food production an equal footing with other local businesses in planning and other considerations."

The healthy communities group's literature ties together all of the issues to make a case that improving sidewalks, providing low-cost recreation and accessible good food all have financial benefits.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung says a focus on healthy communities does impact the business environment.

"Savvy business owners are definitely looking at the amenities associated with any location," she says.

Things like traffic flow, the aesthetics of the surrounding town, areas for pedestrians to park their cars and walk and resting areas for walkers "all increase the appeal of a business area, which drives up traffic and ultimately sales/business success," she says.

Jung said the chamber is working with the rest of the healthy communities group because candidates aren't always aware of the connection between physical health and vibrant economies.

She said she'd like to see the expansion of municipal economic development committees; have council revisit and adopt recommendations of the Haliburton County Business Retention and Expansion Report; and create policies that attract and support new businesses.

A village that encourages fitness and good health provides a better workforce for businesses, the materials argue. It also attracts a "diversity of employees, entrepreneurs and businesses."

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Praising enviro-heroes

This year's 2014 Enviro-Hero award recipients, from left, Wally Ozog, Paul MacInnes and Mikaela Kauffeldt were honoured at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Gala event on Sunday night, Sept. 28 at the Bonnie View Inn. The other Enviro-Hero award recipient included Mark Brohm, who was absent from the event. The sold-out event drew 135 and included a live auction.

Darren Lum Staff



Minden Hills to excavate old landfill off Bobcaygeon Road

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 25 Minden Hills council meeting.

Minden Hills township will remove materials from an old landfill on a private property along Bobcaygeon Road. The landfill operated between 1972 and 1974, when it was closed and covered. Township staff were approached by the Ministry of Environment in 2012 about the landfill – for which the township is still responsible.

Council voted to award KCM Construction Group a contract for approximately \$17,500 to excavate the old landfill material and put in clean fill, topsoil and seed.

The township will then no longer be responsible for the site.

MH decommissions reservoir

Northern Concrete, Cutting & Coring Inc. was awarded a contract worth just less than \$20,000 to decommission Minden's old water reservoir.

It hasn't been used since Minden Hills began using its new water tower in 2010.

"As there is no longer a need for the abandoned reservoir and for safety reasons, staff issued a tender to have the reservoir destroyed and buried on site," read a report from environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram.

The reservoir is located at the top of St. Germaine Street, near the water tower.

New floor in Lochlin

Councillors approved a recommendation from the Lochlin Community Centre advisory committee that \$2,700 be taken from the centre's reserves to pay for new vinyl flooring in the kitchen and refinishing of the hardwood floors throughout the rest of the building.

Township buys air diffusers

Council approved the purchase and installation of fine air diffusers at the township's wastewater treatment plant.

The winning bid went to Aquarius Technologies for approximately \$23,650, including HST.

The bubbles produced by the system will make the breakdown of waste more energy efficient, according to a report from the township's property and environmental operations manager.

The project is expected to pay for itself in three years.

New retaining wall

The contract to build a new retaining wall behind the Minden Hills municipal building was awarded to Hawk River Construction for a total of approximately \$22,500.

Hawk River was also awarded

the contract for the repair of sidewalks and drains outside the Minden courthouse for approximately \$11,200.

Paving at water tower

Fowler Construction was awarded the contract to pave the driveway at the Minden Hills water tower, a job that was not completed when the tower was built in 2010 to reduce costs. That contract is for just more than \$21,000, including HST.

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Back of beyond

IT'S WITH A GREAT deal of emotion that I embark on the writing of this column.

No, I'm not resigning again.

This week marks the end of an era at the *Times* as longtime columnist Neil Campbell hangs up his proverbial pen or, perhaps more accurately, unplugs his proverbial keyboard.

Neil's time with the paper pre-dates my own and he and smooth collie companion The Brown Dog Jiggs were two of the first Minden Hills residents I met when I started at the paper six years ago.

A retired journalist, Neil's career was a distinguished one, culminating with a run at the country's most prestigious newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*.

So, along with considering him a friend, I've considered him a mentor, even though I probably haven't told him that until now.

His visits to the office – sometimes to pick up a paper, sometimes to use the washroom (sorry Neil) – have on many occasions turned into lengthy conversations. Philosophical conversations. Conversations about politics – often the local variety – or music or the failed idealism of the '60s or the future of journalism in the age of the Internet.

There have been dozens, I'd reckon.

Whenever I see Neil's truck pull up to the window of the *Times* office, I know something interesting is about to happen.

I hope the end of his writing for the paper does not mean the end of those visits.

Neil is a great writer, graceful and elegant, with the kind of rhythm and vocabulary that can only come with the passage of time.

Intelligent, insightful and versatile, he can easily dance from sarcas-

tic political commentary to descriptive prose that take you right to Sapsucker Ridge, so that you are walking through the woods alongside him and Jiggs.

There have been many adventures of Neil and The Brown Dog, whether they be rescuing robin nestlings or collecting sap to turn into maple syrup.

Jiggs has sometimes taken to the keyboard himself, including in his recent bid for local political office.

To this day, perhaps the best-attended event I have ever seen at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre was the launch of Neil's book, *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets*, a collection of his columns.

And maybe that's because Neil's columns are about much more than an aging man and his more aged dog (Jiggs is 86, in dog years) walking through the forest.

Pulsing with humanity and wisdom, they are about wonder and mystery, hope and joy, grief and sadness. They are about the beautiful conundrum of existence. About life itself.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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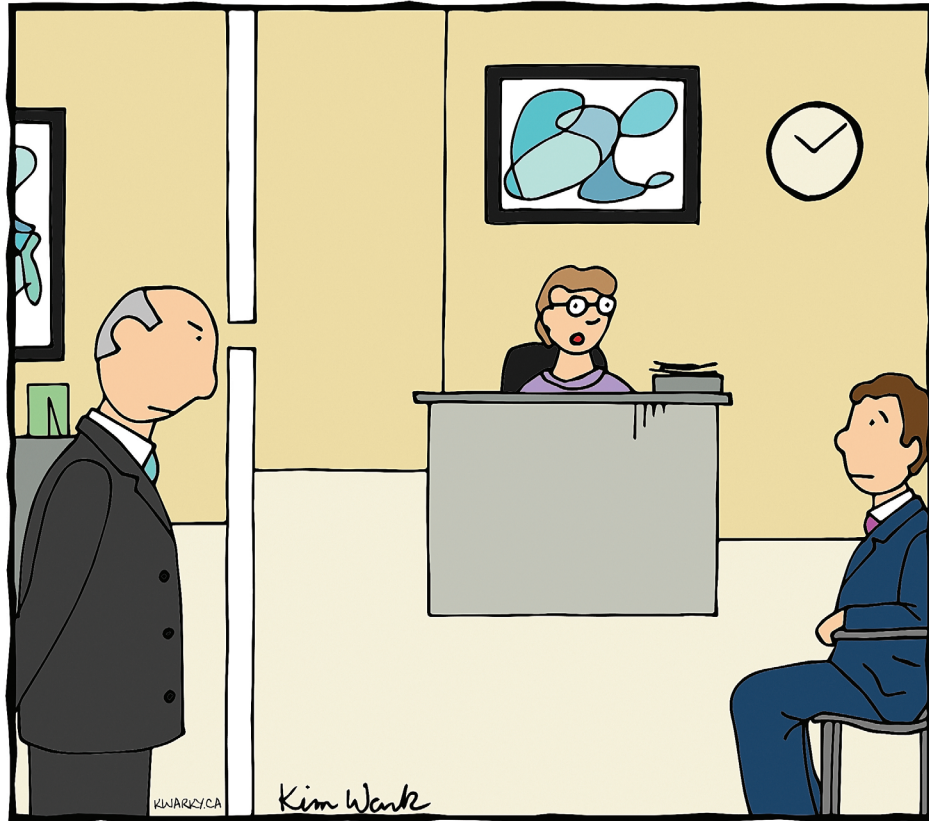
"All is still, the only movement the inhale and exhale in The Brown Dog's flanks that tell you he is breathing.

"Then, after dark, but not so very dark. The snow glitters under a full moon. Stars spangle the sky. You could read the headlines in the moonlight, but who would read on a night like this?

"Is the road past Sapsucker Ridge still there? Jiggs and I take a bedtime stroll to check it out. Frost pops trees in the darkness. A bouquet of shadows, mellow in the moonlight, lies across our path.

"The Brown Dog is by my side. His muzzle nuzzles my knee. All is right with the world."

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letters to the editor

Vote for change over entitlement

To the Editor,

Voting in elections is always important, but in Ward 3, for this municipal election it is extra important, so please vote.

One candidate is offering change, fair treatment, inclusiveness and he seems truly motivated, while in the other corner you have the incumbent who believes she has done a good enough job already, and because of her ties to the ward believes she is entitled to keeping the position.

The incumbent will also tell you that she was not part of the Vision Team and that she opposed what the Vision Team did. Who cares, things still happened, and while you might not have been supporting those changes you were silent instead of publicly opposing what was going on. Ward 3 needs someone to stand up and support the people of Ward 3 regardless of what direction council ends up taking. And instead of working hard to please your advisory committee members, get out and listen to what the rest of your constituents want. The few volunteers on the advisory committee only represent a very small voice for the entire ward.

And while we can only take the new chal-

lenger at his word, and he will have to prove himself over time, our family will be supporting him, as the only thing we know for sure is that he cannot be any worse than what we have had. Four years of steady decline to our community's mood and spirit, all stemming from the direct intervention of the township, starting with the current Ward 3 councillor.

Irondale and the surrounding communities need this change, as it would be the first step to repairing some of the damage, while hopefully allowing our communities to heal and eventually move forward.

But there are individuals who have thrived on the fighting, bickering and smashing of local relationships who will vote to keep things the same as they have been. But that is only to serve their personal interests and not of any benefit to the community. Do not let those people win!

Get out and vote, the seasonal residents who may not be planning to vote, please reconsider as your vote does make a huge difference. You can help fix our small towns.

Jeff Hancock
Irondale

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points of view

Bear

THERE ARE ANIMAL LOVERS and then there are true animal lovers... The former is a person who adopts another dog or cat because he thinks he can afford to give one more a good home. The latter performs CPR on a bear.

There is a huge difference.

I only mention this because I recently read an online news story that described and allowed me to hear a recording of a woman who had found what she thought was a wounded bear in her yard. To explain the next part a little more, I should say this was at night, so she couldn't see all that well.

Being a true animal lover, however, she was fearful for the bear's life. So she called 911, hoping to get it some help.

It turned out this was, apparently, a prank. In fact, it was a fake bear. The woman, however, only discovered this after she started performing CPR on it.

This begs the question: who in their right mind would perform CPR on a

bear?

The answer – I believe, at least – is no one.

A bear is a wild dangerous animal that has powerful jaws and a horrible, full-time case of morning breath. That alone should rule CPR right out.

Worse still, a wounded bear, the kind this woman truly believed she was dealing with, is – how do I say this politely? – grumpy.

But even if it wasn't, no good would come of this.

For example, say it was grateful and overjoyed that you saved its life. What would it do? I'll tell you what. It would give you a great big bear hug.

It's one thing to get a great big bear hug from your great big aunt. It's quite another to get one from a bear – although, to be fair, at least you don't

have to listen to stories of how its goiter is acting up.

Still, a bear hug from a real bear involves sharp, dirty, powerful claws. It also contains bone-breaking strength and over exuberance. Also, bears don't bathe, so eventually things get really awkward. Then there is also the whole hug thing. I mean what does it really mean? Is it a thank you? Or could it signal a romantic interest? So hard to tell.

But I digress.

The point I am making is it is best to let sleeping bears lie – mostly because they are ill-tempered and, like all of us, don't like to get caught in a lie.

Also, don't do CPR on them. It's just not safe.

This points to the thing I don't get most about hard-core animal lovers.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Why is it they very often don't understand just because you love an animal doesn't mean it loves you back? In fact, most times, the only way a wild, carnivorous animal is going to love you back is with a side of bacon.

Obviously, I am going a little overboard. After all, you rarely hear about anyone performing CPR on a bear, or any animal actually. Maybe that's true; but as a columnist who lives in bear country, I feel I am morally obligated to make sure this practice never gains any level of popularity. Plus, I really couldn't think of anything else to write about today.

To recap and return to my main premise, bears are dangerous. Under no circumstances should you perform emergency medical procedures on them.

Heck, you shouldn't even attend to little Boo-boos.

To this, Jiggs says woof!

RIGHT FROM THE START, The Brown Dog Jiggs seized this column by the throat. He never let go.

There he is again, at the top of what will be the 530th (more or less) report from Back of Beyond, giving me a starting point for what will be my last words to you.

My departure is on the best of terms. It was my idea. The folks at this newspaper are still my friends. I need a break; I've run out of things to say.

Starting next week, Jim Poling, a colleague from my Canadian Press days will fill this space. When I was at CP, he was in the Ottawa bureau. I had a more respectable job, in the sports department.

Imagine me running out of things to say after filling this space with almost 400,000 words over the years, more than *Grapes of Wrath* and *Uncle Tom's Cabin* combined.

Laid end to end on Newcastle Street, my computer printouts would stretch almost a quarter of a mile, from Highway 35 to the United Church, more or less.

Neither former editor Martha Perkins nor I had much idea where this column would go when she took a chance on me back in May, 2004. Perhaps she expected weekly rants, but I disappointed her by writing, more often than not, about our life on Sapsucker Ridge.

Our lives being those of Jiggs and me. He was no more than Jiggs until that first column gave him a longer name.

Former publisher Len Pizzey, who fussed over him each time I brought him into the office, took one look at his coat and declared that he should be The Red Dog Jiggs, but Brown he remained.

Red he certainly was, in the first column on May 21, 2004, for his long front leg was wrapped in a red bandage that made him look like a Detroit Red Wing hockey player.

Lost for the first words that would appear in this space, Jiggs and I had gone roaming in the gloaming for my muse. Twilight time, and he dips a paw in Davey's Brook, pokes at a snapping turtle, and the snapper bites back.

And I have my first column. The Brown Dog sacrifices himself for my art.

Jiggs is not the dog he was then, but he'll still take every walk he is offered, just in case you were worried where this column is headed. It is the column that is over, not Jiggs.

Readers sometimes worried about that. When three columns in a row appeared without his name, Ross Walker stopped me in a supermarket parking lot to ask if he was OK.

And so I began injecting him in almost every column I wrote, even epistles that had nothing to do with him, just to show that he was OK, a whole lot better than OK in my heart.

Now, strangers stop me in the street, ask me if this is indeed The Brown Dog Jiggs, and then turn to a companion and declare that he is the best-known dog in Haliburton County.

When he dragged home a moose

bone or got swatted by a bear, when he strolled three miles into town to visit my wife at Hyland Crest, he gave me a column.

When it took two vets to save his life with surgery after a synthetic bone plugged his insides, that was something to write about. All he got in return was his life, and a pat on the head, which is all he ever wanted.

A few years ago, in 2010, a collection of my columns, *Cell Phones and Sap Buckets* got me invitations to speak here and there. Jiggs always came along. He would listen for a bit, decide he had heard it all before, and lie down for a nap beside the podium.

Not everything was about Jiggs. History, the Orange Lodge in Haliburton or a voters' list from old Lutterworth Township. A jet cutting a white swath high in a blue sky on a September day as perfect as the ones we have been having over a pond mirroring the treeline at its edge, all dressed up for autumn.

Perhaps my favourite column was about Christmas at the tearoom of the Sapsucker Arms, a hillside café over-



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

looking the imaginary village of Horned Grebe Lake.

Somehow I lost track of the Sapsucker Arms these past few years, but I still think fondly of the waitress Gretchen and her regular patrons, Old Delahanty and Young Robichaux and Fixx, who feasted on gooseberry scones and debated the issues of the day.

Just as I think fondly of all the people who gave me the information that made me look like I knew what I was writing about, though I really didn't.

Most of all, I think fondly of folks who stopped me on the street to talk about that week's column, only to find out I had already forgotten what I wrote about.

Folks who became my friends. My pay for filling this space was a pittance; my real reward was becoming part of a community that made me feel I was home at last.

To that, The Brown Dog says woof.

Wrong Number

The phone number to get tickets to Johnny Burke's Bells and Whistles Tour concert this Saturday is 705-455-9177. A wrong number appeared in last week's column.

neilcampbell@xplornet.ca

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Haliburton County goes to the birds

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 24 Haliburton County council.

Haliburton County has been repairing road and address signs damaged by blue jays. According to a report from the county’s engineering department, some 1,500 residential address signs and 49 road signs have been damaged by the birds. “We have pictures and proof,” roads director Doug Ray told county councillors at a Sept. 24 meeting. Images from a game camera show the blue jays peeling off the numbers with their beaks. To date, the county has replaced nearly 1,000 address signs and 16 road signs that were damaged by blue jays. Affected property owners have the option of ordering protective covers for their address signs and more than 200 residents have requested and paid for the covers.

Approval of future entrances unclear

The Ministry of Transportation has approved entranceways for the EMS base Haliburton County will be constructing on the former Walker’s Auto Repair property along Highway 35 in Minden. However, the MTO has indicated it would not approve entrances to the remainder of the five-acre property until it knows what kinds of facilities might be located there. The county intends to sell the remainder of the property and Minden Hills township is interested in purchasing at least part of it for the construction of a new fire hall. How did the turtle cross the road?

How did the turtle cross the road?

Haliburton County will install a turtle crossing on County Road 1, about a kilometre north of Gelert. A joint project between the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the MNR that began last fall monitored high turtle-traffic areas throughout the county and identified the Gelert site as a prime location.

Turtle barrier walls approximately 275 metres in length on each side of the road will route turtles through a culvert under the road, rather than over its surface. The county will provide in-kind contributions of labour to the project. The effectiveness of the barrier will be monitored over a three-year period.

Seniors’ day flag will fly

Councillors agreed to fly the flag of the local chapter of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons outside the county office on Minden’s Newcastle Street for National Seniors Day on Oct. 1. County CAO Jim Wilson noted that the county does not have a policy when it comes to flying flags of organizations. “I don’t see why we don’t want to do that,” Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said. “To me, it doesn’t seem like a huge thing.” Other councillors agreed. “We need to support our community groups,” said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge. Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch suggested an official policy be developed to handle such requests, as others will come forward.

Seadoo boat stolen from Twelve Mile Lake cottage

On Sept. 19, the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was contacted regarding the theft of a Seadoo boat and trailer from a cottage on Twelve Mile Lake Road in the Township of Minden Hills. Sometime between Sept. 10, and Sept. 19, an unknown person(s) stole a two-seater Seadoo boat yellow and black in colour with an Ontario licence ON313389 valued at approximately \$14,000. The vessel’s hull identification number (HIN) is YDV16552D010. The utility trailer is a 2012 EZ Loader black in colour with an Ontario licence J1752L valued at \$1,000. The VIN is 1ZEABLDA6CA000549. Anyone having information on this crime or any others is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous information can also be reported to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.khcs.ca, where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

- Submitted by the OPP

Zoe Chilco gives musical thanks at Minden Legion

Zoe Chilco is thankful for music. “When I’m too frustrated, irritated, or depressed by the world – which, given its state, is pretty much every day – then I have to sit myself down at the piano and sing my way back to sanity. Either that, or dance myself back, listening to my all-time favourites.” So says the songwriter from Carnarvon, adding, “Music soothes the savage beast, as they always say, both in our minds, with poetic or even nonsense lyrics, and in our bodies, with rhythm and a ‘joyful noise,’” According to Chilco, it’s an escape that is sometimes divine, and, if it has a really good beat, sometimes decadent. But mostly, it’s necessary. And this coming Thanksgiving weekend, she’s recommending it – for health, and also as a way to give thanks. “How better to express our gratitude for simply being alive?” she asks. Chilco has been making music in Haliburton County since 1992, when she joined Gord Kidd’s band as vocalist. Since then, she’s added numerous appearances at various venues here and in Toronto. Haliburton has seen her solo at Music by the Gull, also with her own jazz trio for

seven years, and for the last five years in Minden, with a blues band that likes to get people on the dance floor. She has produced eight CDs of original compositions, a theatre show she wrote and toured with in 2010, and currently is working on CD No. 9. “I’m thankful for the gift of music, how it has helped me, and for the privilege of possibly helping others by putting some ‘good vibrations’ out there into the cosmos. Music is a primal healer,” she says. So if you want to feel alive; if you want to says thanks for your ears and feet, along with all the rest of the miracle of our bodies, and if you want to express that thanks by sharing fun, listening to some tunes, or by being moved to dance, then take Zoe Chilco’s advice: Get out to the Minden Legion on Highway 35, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11. The Jump ‘n’ Jive Band comprises brother Paul Chilco on guitar, John Deehan on sax, Paul Greco on drums, and Ian Pay on bass, with Zoe Chilco on keys and vocals. Hallelujah. Visit www.zoechilco.ca for more info, or call the Legion: 705-286-4541.

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Q & A

At the end of August and beginning of September, the Times published Q&A responses from candidates for Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills. Since that time, several more candidates have emerged. Here are their responses to the same questions.



Name:
Richard Bradley

Running for:
Minden Hills council
Ward 3

Why have you decided to run for council?

The Minden area has been an important part of my entire life. Sandi and I have chosen this as the place we want to live, raise our children and someday retire. Over this term of council as well as the one prior there has been a lot of controversy in Minden. While many complain about what has been going on few want to step up and contribute and be a part of the new future of Minden Hills. I feel very strongly that I can raise the level of advocacy for Ward 3 (Snowdon) to one that actually achieves results. I have started an orange ribbon campaign on my Facebook page where I am asking all residents of Minden Hills to tie an orange ribbon on their car, their mailbox, wherever they wish. The purpose is show that they want to see and end to the "duck and cover" politics of Minden Hills and they want to be able to express their concerns to their politicians without fear or retribution. I have a supply of orange ribbons for anyone that wants one.

What is your vision of recreation for your municipality? Does that include a pool either at the municipal level or the county level?

I have heard from many Ward 3 residents that they are in favour of a pool somewhere in Haliburton County. To achieve it will require support of other municipalities, the county, the province, the federal government and possibly the Trillium Lakelands School Board depending on the location chosen.

Are you content with the changes recently announced to the OPP billing model? If not, what do you think municipal councils should do next? If you are content with the changes, explain why.

I am not satisfied with the new OPP billing model, we should not be required to pay for two OPP detachments when we have only one. Our obvious avenue for change was, is and remains University Avenue in Toronto - Queen's Park! We need to apply continuous pressure relentlessly on the Province with other municipalities to make the OPP billing model something that is fair for everyone in Minden Hills, Haliburton County and the entire province.

What can be done to reduce poverty of citizens of your municipality?

I think we can all learn from the following quote from Bill Clinton, "It turns out that advancing equal opportunity and economic empowerment is both morally right and good economics, because discrimination, poverty and ignorance restrict growth, while investments in education, infrastructure and scientific and technological research increase it, creating more good jobs and new wealth for all of us." As a start to this very complicated problem I suggest we re-invest in our young people by re-invigorating the youth committee, hiring more local summer students and perhaps establishing some scholarships to memorialize some of the historic residents from the early days of Minden history.

How can we grow the local economy and provide more jobs for people?

The purpose of the Economic Development Committee is to increase economic opportunity and quality of life for businesses and residents of Minden and the surrounding area. The Committee will seek ways to create better conditions for economic growth and year-round employment. The focus will be to help local businesses grow and to attract new business through promotion and marketing of Minden as the commercial, recreational and tourism gateway for Haliburton County. I would like to answer by saying we

should continue to build on the work that this group has done over the last four years, however I am unable to find any meeting minutes from their meetings. On that basis my answer is to apologize sincerely if these minutes are indeed somewhere online and then to say that the next committee should be charged with meeting regularly, providing minutes of those meetings and be expected to bring concepts, strategies and plans back to council to then be referred to the economic development clerk and other staff to formalized and put in to action once given such direction from council.

What do you see as the most pressing concern(s) in your municipality?

I feel the most important problem for Minden Hills is fixing the staffing crisis, settle the lawsuits and grievances to start building an environment based on respect, dignity and civility. Look at the possibility of mediating disputes whenever and wherever possible. I understand that \$30,000 of tax dollars was spent on a lawsuit that was initiated by a resident in Ward 3. I also understand that the municipality lost the case. In my opinion that situation could have and should have been dealt with by a mediation process at five per cent of the price. In Ward 3 I have been told that people feel that they want to be treated with respect, dignity, civility and to be supported when they take their issues to council. They want their phone calls returned, their e-mails answered and they want those that violate the code of conduct to be held accountable for their behaviours. They are tired of the post amalgamation environment that is very Minden centred as they see little improvement in funding levels for the community centres, and the possible loss of Gelert Hall is most distressing to many. Concerns about deteriorating road conditions often come up in discussions as does the importance of Snowdon Park being properly maintained and even promoted with something as simple as a new sign that can be seen more easily.

Define transparency and accountability as they relate to municipal governance and how they are achieved.

Transparency is achieved by passing motions one at a time rather than the present omnibus approach. Saying what you mean and meaning what you say. Live streaming council meetings and then posting the videos where all residents can see them. Making minutes available on-line in a manner that is easily accessible and keyword searchable. Abiding the guidelines of the use of closed session to only those matters which must be kept confidential.

Accountability is quite straightforward: Answer the phone when you can, return

the call promptly, read your e-mails and respond, agree to disagree when required, build bridges don't burn them, treat each constituent with respect, dignity, civility and remember that you are working for your constituents not the other way round. When someone calls and needs help, get them to the proper person that can help them and be prepared to advocate on their behalf through the appropriate channels when required. Deal with the issues at hand and not the personalities attached to them. Work each and everyday to continue to earn the trust of those that you represent. This is all common sense, unfortunately common sense is sometimes not common practice.

Why has there been such high staff turnover in Minden Hills during this term and what needs to be done to stop this trend?

Why the staff turnover? I say political interference. I believe it is because of a blurring of the lines in the organizational chart as well as those that ignore the proper chain command and the controversial policy that gives politi-

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cians a voice in evaluating department heads job performance. In my opinion this is quite simply about some that members of the present council that clearly have gone well beyond their role to establish policies, pass new or amend existing bylaws, provide organizational direction, abide by the code I say political interference. I believe it is because of a blurring of the lines in the organizational chart as well as those that ignore the proper chain command and the controversial policy that gives politicians a voice in evaluating department heads job performance. In my opinion this is quite simply about some that members of the present council that clearly have gone well beyond their role to establish policies, pass new or amend existing bylaws, provide organizational direction, abide by the code of conduct and the procedural bylaw. The next council must begin by committing to remove the interference, respecting the chain of command and returning to their own job description as I have described. I hear Minden Hills has become legendary in the municipal sector for the problems of the last four years and it is going to take us some time to build a new positive reputation that will attract qualified local applicants for job postings as well as those from other municipalities.



Name:
Sarah
Coombs

Running for: Algonquin Highlands council Ward 1

Why have you decided to run for council?

I've long had a passion for politics, am extremely involved in my community as a volunteer and giving back to society and making a difference is important to me. Plus, I absolutely love Dorset and care very much about its success and future.

What is your vision of recreation for your municipality?

Dorset is privileged to have the Recreation Centre and what it offers, so we need to protect it and ensure its sustainability. I would like to see programming continue and enhanced and new equipment and updates to the building explored. While working there, I found many people weren't informed of all it had to offer, so a more aggressive and innovative marketing plan could be considered.

Does that include a pool either at the municipal level or the county level?

I am certainly in favour of continuing discussions around a pool at the municipal or county level. If it's not a burden on the taxpayer and membership revenue and grants and fundraising can sustain a pool,

then it's worth exploring. However, given that Algonquin Highlands will be burdened with the new OPP Billing reform and money from the upper levels of government is getting harder and harder to come by (to name just a few obstacles), I think taking on the commitment of a pool in the near future would be a hard sell.

Are you content with the changes recently announced to the OPP billing model? If not, what do you think municipal councils should do next? If you are content with the changes, explain why.

I'm not at all content with the changes announced to the OPP billing model but wholeheartedly believe the current council did all they could to lighten the burden. I think the province's lack of communication around the issue was a reflection of their desire to push this through on their terms and with a majority government in place, the county's hands were pretty much tied. If there is an opportunity to re-open discussions when the new term starts, I would definitely support that.

What can be done to reduce poverty of citizens of your municipality?

As a member of the Economic Innovations Committee for the Haliburton County Development Corporation, I'm extremely interested in finding new ways to increase job security and employment options for our residents and believe this is one way to help bridge the gap. However, that is a long-term plan, as is an affordable housing plan, which I would like to see for more of our communities. The short-term plan includes implementing what recommendations we can from the Poverty Reduction Strategy, a joint initiative between Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Continuing to work closely with our health units and food banks to help combat the problem and educate the public is also important.

How can we grow the local economy and provide more jobs for people?

Our tourism and trades industries need to be supported and enhanced in any way possible, since we rely on them so heavily.

I'd like to see more ideas to boost "shoulder season" tourism and more programming offered for the trade sector. The possibility of expanding trades courses offered at Flemming College for both our youth and adult population should be discussed. Wonderful things are being done in the arts community and I'd like to see that continue to grow as well. Finally, it would benefit us to be innovative and "think outside the box"; look at other communities that fit our profile and see what they are doing to attract new business and propel job growth.

What do you see as the most pressing concern(s) in your municipality?

Job creation, affordable housing, flood management, healthcare and advocating for our seniors to make sure they can sustain themselves here, are all equally concerning to me. I've addressed job creation and affordable housing in the two previous questions. Regarding flood management: I think it would serve us well to continue to work closely with our local lake associations, the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow, our provincial and federal representatives and the Trent-Severn Waterway to develop a more comprehensive planning and management model. We have to prioritize and find a way to fund repairs and/or enhancements so we don't see a repeat of the devastating floods of 2013. To address healthcare: For the past three years I've been a member of a small volunteer committee to bring healthcare closer to home through the proposal of a Nurse Practitioner Station in Dorset that will benefit our immediate sister communities as well. It's our hope that this proposal will serve as a model for surrounding communities. On the topic of advocating for seniors: This falls under the umbrella of the work my Health Care Team in Dorset has been doing. We want to see easier access to healthcare and health services for seniors. Along with that, I'd like to see more discussion around retirement residences for Algonquin Highlands. More and more, I'm seeing our seniors being forced from the home they love because they don't have access to the nec-

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have access to the necessary programs or services. We need to figure out how we can keep them in their homes. A difficult challenge, but worth exploring.

Define transparency and accountability as they relate to municipal governance and how they are achieved.

It's imperative that government always acts in the best interest of the taxpayer. Honesty, transparency and collaboration make up the basis of my platform. People are increasingly communicating that there's a disconnect between themselves and gov-

ernment and that's resulting in a growing disinterest in the political process from a civic point of view. That needs to change. Constituents deserve to be included in the decision making process, they deserve prompt responses when they reach out to us and they deserve to know exactly how their money is being spent by giving them access to all budgets in a timely manner. Also, the fact that council has the ability to go into closed session is necessary at times, but should not be abused.

Is the MNR base project at the Stanhope Airport more advantageous to the community than the crosswind runway

project proposed by the previous council? Please explain. I commend council on both pursuing and persevering through this issue and finding a resolve that the majority of the community is content with. I believe they chose the most advantageous option, as the adopted plan will be a revenue generator with the potential for future business generation and job growth.

This is the third and final installment of the candidate Q&A.

All candidates in Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands were given the opportunity to participate. Some candidates either did not respond to questions or chose not to participate. Go to mindentimes.ca and click on "Election 2014" to read all candidate responses from all three installments.

highland storm hockey

Atom A takes on Otters

RM Carpentry Atom A team vs Huntsville Otters season opener: Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Huntsville Arena.

In pre-season action, the ride was bumpy and unpredictable. Their first exhibition test was a disappointing 10-4 loss in Bancroft to the Jets. The RM Carpentry Storm played a haphazard game and the coaches knew there was work to do. One week later they came together and played another pre season game against the Jets, in Haliburton, with heart, like it was a playoff game. They gelled as a team and every single member contributed to the win, 3-2, over the same Jets from the week before.

Then came the season opener in Huntsville. The Otters have been a nemesis of the Storm for some time and all of the kids knew what to expect going in. Coming off of the high of the impressive win the week before, the Storm and the fans felt a guarded optimism. You could hear the Guns 'n' Roses blaring from the Storm dressing room as the team prepared to rumble and shake the Huntsville arena.

The first period was tight. With great scoring chances at both ends of the rink and little room to skate, the two teams ended the frame at a nil-nil stalemate. But the close checking, well disciplined Otters took their toll on the Storm. The Highland team were having some troubles getting the puck out of their own end, and the second period ended with a 1 to 0 Huntsville lead.

The Storm came out determined in the third, pressing the Otters, but some scrappy play, close checking, and scrambles in front of the Storm net resulted in a few penalties for both sides and two more Huntsville goals. The game ended in a 3-0 Storm loss. After the game assistant coach Rich Smith commented "I think it was a good game".

Jason Glecoff for the RM Carpentry Atom A team; Edited for length

Close game for Pee wee A

The season opener on Sunday, Sept. 28 found the Minden Pharmasave Pee wee A Storm team headed to Huntsville to square off against the Otters. The boys were all excited to get the season underway and showed that they were ready by playing with heart. After a very close first period and several penalties on both sides the Otters were able to sneak one in on a power play early in the second. With more penalties for Storm, the Otters were able to put a second one past "Big E" Ethan Glecoff in net. The Storm left the ice for the flood at the end of the second looking a little down. When they returned there was a renewed sense of energy and halfway through the third Isaac Little sent a Hail Mary from behind the blue line. With a goal under their belts the boys gained confidence but just couldn't tie up the game. A well played game by all! Next game is Friday night in Bracebridge

vs Muskokamake sure to join us for the home opener this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Haliburton when the Storm face off against the Huntsville Otters for a second time.

Submitted by Jennifer Little

Bantam A defeats Huntsville

It was a victorious start for the Storm Bantam A team on Saturday, winning their first game 6-4 against the Huntsville Otters. It was an exciting first period that ended in a 2-2 tie. The first was a rebound goal by Trevor Turner that came from a shot from Ben Schmidt. Storm took a 2-0 lead during a penalty kill, thanks to some strong poke checking by Kyle Cooper who capitalized on a rush. It was early in the second period when the Storm took the lead with a goal by Trevor Turner, assisted by Nik Dollo. The Storm's momentum continued to build in the second period when Kyle Cooper outmanoeuvred the Huntsville defence and found the opening, making it 4-2. Nolan Flood took full advantage of being left unattended in the slot and put in the five goal. The third period was good old fashioned entertaining hockey where both teams engaged in back and forth action. Late in the third period, Matt Manning got behind the Huntsville defence, into the slot and secured the win for the Storm. A great start for the Storm Bantam A team...good job, boys!

The Highland Storm Bantam A team is proudly sponsored by Smolen Denistry.

Submitted by Susanne Haedicke

Tykes storm into Centre Hastings

The Highland Storm Tyke team, sponsored by Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking, "stormed" into the Centre Hastings arena on Sunday, Sept. 28 for their first exhibition game of the season.

Chase Winder had his first shutout, with the game ending at 17-0! Chase definitely deserves congratulations, along with his very deserving 10 teammates. They all played hard, with determination and grit. There were just too many great goals, assists, passes, hat tricks and saves to mention them all. Let's just say this little team is a force to be reckoned with!

The 2014/15 Tyke team is coached by Mike Rupnow, assistant coach Tim DeGeer, Trainer Darryl Winder and Manager Kelly Winder. Connor Byrne, Kadin Card, Addison Carr, Colby Coumbs, Cheyenne DeGeer, Jace Mills, Mak Prentice, Wyatt Raposo, Ty Rupnow, Josh Scheffee and Chase Winder make up this Storm Team.

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

Midget AEs go to Bracebridge

On Saturday Sept, 27, Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE travelled to Bracebridge for their first game of the season. Losing 6-5 with goals by Chase Bur-

den assisted by Chris Thompson. Ethan Keefer assisted by Chris Thompson. Ethan Keefer assisted by Connor Gadway and Nic Thompson. Greg Crofts assisted by Chase Burden. Jon Morrison assisted by Chris Thompson and Chase Burden

Submitted by Monica Keefer

Atom AE travel to Port Carling

The Joanne Sharpley's source for Sports Highland Storm Atom AE team travelled to Port Carling to play the Muskoka Rock for a double header on Sunday, Sept. 28. The Storm came out strong despite the first game jitters tried their best falling short going down by nine after two periods. The storm regrouped after the flood with passes from Emily Alexander and Chloe Billings Kyan Hall took the puck battled his way all the way up the ice and scored his first of the

season. In the end the storm fell to Muskoka rock 13-1.

The Atoms hit the ice for their second game with one game under their skates they came out strong. Muskoka scored first but when trying to split the defence Hall got pulled down giving the storm a penalty shot. Hall tied the game scoring with a deak on the penalty shot. The rock scored again in the first making it 2-1 going into the second. After two periods the rock were ahead 3-1. The Rock managed to get three more in the third to make the final score 6-1. A great effort by all the players good strong goaltending by Damon Harriss throughout the day. The next game for the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Atom AEs is our home opener Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 630 in Minden against Huntsville.

Submitted by Ron Hall

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Wonderful water ways

Clockwise from left, a group of Archie Stouffer Elementary School students add water, mimicking the rain's effect on the watershed at the Washout Watershed activity centre at the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival on Sept. 30 at the Kinark Outdoor Centre. The two-day event from Sept. 29 to 30 drew more than 1,200 students, which included close to 400 local students, who will learn about the importance of water through interactive activities. This year there were 49 activities. An Archie Stouffer Elementary School student learns the effect of dams at the Reservoir Rendezvous activity centre at the annual Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival. Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 2 student Kadin Card works through a quiz, testing his knowledge of dangers in and outside his house at the Hydro One Electricity Discovery Centre at the annual festival.

Photos by Darren Lum



**Friday, October 10th from 10 am-12pm.
Insulin Pump Presentation at the
Haliburton County Library.**

Calling all People affected by Type 1 Diabetes to an interactive, hands -on insulin pump presentation. This in-service will be presented by the Diabetes Education Program Pump Team from the Ross Memorial Hospital. Learn the facts about what an insulin pump is, how it works, who is eligible to get one, the funding and much more. There will be insulin pumps and CGM's (continuous glucose monitors) available to see and play with! Please call the Haliburton Diabetes Education Network to register. Light lunch will be provided.

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- Physical activity
- Label reading

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- Frequent urination
- Weight change (gain or loss)
- Extreme fatigue or lack of energy
- Blurred vision
- Frequent or recurring infections
- Cuts and bruises that are slow to heal
- Tingling or numbness in the hands or feet
- Trouble getting or maintaining an erection

If you have any of these symptoms, it is important to contact your health-care provider right away. Even if you don't have symptoms, if you are 40 or older, you should still get checked. It is important to recognize, however, that many people who have type 2 diabetes may display no symptoms. Visit diabetes.ca today for more information.

Check out our
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Self Referrals Welcome!

For more information please call our Haliburton office @ 705-457-1392 Ext. 241 or
Minden office @ 705-286-2140 Ext. 296
Also visit the HHHS website @ www.hhhs.on.ca and find Diabetes Education on the right hand side.



Report accuses province of neglect

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A new report from the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions and CUPE is condemning the province for what it calls systemic neglect of seniors in Ontario's long-term care facilities.

Kevin Tyrrell, regional vice-president of the OCHU and Dorothy Winterburn, a personal support worker at Mind-en's Hyland Crest, presented the report, *Long-Term Care in Ontario: Fostering Systemic Neglect*, during a press conference at the Minden Legion on Sept. 29.

The report draws on interviews conducted with personal support workers and registered practical nurses throughout the province.

"A lot of their stories were pretty heart-breaking," Tyrrell said.

The report paints a bleak picture of a system where employees of long-term care homes do not have the time they need to adequately provide elderly residents with the social and emotional care they require and, in some cases, the physical care they require, leaving residents sitting in their own waste.

According to the union, the problem is understaffing.

The report cites what it calls "dangerously high resident-to-staff ratios," with up to 15 residents relying on a single support worker during the day shift and up to 42 residents relying on a single support worker during the night shift.

Ninety-one per cent of the focus group participants said they are not satisfied with the level of care they are able to provide and 97 per cent said understaffing and heavy workloads are the key reasons prohibiting quality care.

"We're forcing them to be incontinent," Winterburn said, as she read out some of the quotes from focus group participants.

Workers say they are not given enough time to properly help residents bathe and eat, sometimes trying to feed multiple residents at one time.

In her case, Winterburn said she's responsible for helping as many as 10 seniors prepare for the day – getting up, toilet-ed, fed – in the span of 80 minutes.



Personal support worker Dorothy Winterburn and Kevin Tyrrell, regional vice-president of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions, presented a report on long-term care at a Sept. 29 press conference.

Chad Ingram
Staff

"We are not factory workers," she said. "These are human beings we care for."

Tyrrell pointed out that many residents, the majority of whom are over 80, have some kind of cognitive dysfunction.

Short-shifting – not replacing workers who are off sick, on vacation, etc. – is a problem according to the report and between breaks, emergencies and tending to residents, situations often arise where there is nobody "on the floor."

The OCHU and CUPE are calling on the provincial government to reinstate minimum resident-to-staff ratios in the province.

This requirement once existed but was repealed in the mid-90s.

Tyrrell criticized the Liberal government for promising to reinstate minimum ratios during the 2003 election that first brought former Premier Dalton McGuinty to power.

"More than a decade later, they've failed to do so," he said, adding that provincial indifference is fostering a system of neglect.

Tyrrell said such ratios exist in childcare and that seniors deserve the same treatment.

OCHU and CUPE would like to see a minimum of four hours of care per resident a day and plan to prepare draft

legislation.

Current ratios average between an hour and half and two hours, according to Tyrrell.

"The Ontario government is committed to ensuring that Ontarians receive quality care while they are in long-term care homes," David Jensen, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, wrote in an email to the paper. "We continue to invest in more staff to provide the right amount of care to residents. Since 2008, we have funded the creation of 2,500 personal support workers and more than 900 nursing positions. We also support the training of LTC home staff to improve resident safety, quality of care and abuse prevention."

Current legislation (the Long-Term Care Homes Act) safeguards resident rights and improves the accountability of LTC homes for the care, treatment and well-being of residents. Each LTC home must have a written staffing plan for nursing services and personal support services. This staffing plan must ensure a staffing mix that is consistent with residents' assessed care and safety needs."

According to Jensen, funding for long-term care has almost doubled to \$3.8 billion in 2014 from \$2.1 billion in 2003.



Heritage dinner

Above, the dinner was lit partially by historic lighting at the Minden Hills Museum Annual Heritage Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 27. The sold out event drew 45 people and was catered by Rhubarb. It also featured live music by Phil McMahon and Jay Edmonds.

Right, the wall sconce was revealed later to be in actuality a curling iron holder during the fact or fiction game led by Minden Hills Museum curator Darren Levstek.

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Top right, Red Hawks varsity A forward Sydney Feir finishes her penalty flick, awarded from contact initiated by a Saints player in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School home opener on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Feir, who scored the insurance marker in the 2-nil win, missed on her flick. Teammate Shae MacNaull scored the game-winner.

Top left, The Red Hawks varsity B forward Cierra Hurley, right, looks for loose ball against a St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints defender during a game on Tuesday, Sept. 23 in Haliburton. The Hawks won their home opener 1-nil. Hurley finished with the game-winner. Photos by Darren Lum

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Sports week in review

Week Ending Sept. 26

Weekend events

The Varsity A field hockey team attended an exhibition tournament in Ottawa.

In pool play, the girls came out strong, creating many short-corner scoring opportunities that led them to a semi-final match against Glebe.

After a 1-0 semi-final win, we were in the finals against long-time rivals Merivale. The game was a nail-biter, with the score tied at 0-0 after regulation time.

The score was decided by penalty flicks, with goalie Syd Cameron standing strong and blocking two flicks, and Erin Little sinking one in the net to give Haliburton a 1-0 win.

The Varsity B field hockey team gained valuable playing experience during their opening tournament in Ottawa.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

The senior boys' soccer team travelled to Cannington, where they took on Brock High School in an important match of single A teams. After giving up the opening goal, the Hawks stormed back with goals from Angus Sullivan and Lucas Esson to take the match 2-1.

The junior boys' soccer team travelled to Brock for their first game of the season. They played a great first half, but were unable to find the back of the net. Final score 3-0 for Brock.

Congratulations to the girls' Varsity B field hockey team for their win against St. Pete's. Cierra Hurley led the team to victory by scor-

ing the winning goal.

The Varsity A girls' field hockey team took on St. Pete's in their first league game of the season. The girls had many scoring opportunities in the first half, but just couldn't find the net. In the second half, the Red Hawks soared, capturing two goals by Shae MacNaull and Sydney Feir.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

The HHSS golf team battled the blazing sun and beautiful temperatures in Round 2 of Kawartha West league play at Blairhampton Golf Course.

Although the team of Cole, Regan, Lucas, Angus, Brenden, and Kyle will not be moving on, the guys played with solid spirit and sportsmanship.

Congratulations also to Sam Longo and Parker Smolen who played excellent golf in their Red Hawks debuts on the golf team.

The junior Red Hawks football team had a resounding 25-0 win over Holy Cross in Peterborough. A strong display of force from Izac Reid and Ethan Keefer resulted in multiple touchdowns. Alex Petrie demonstrated Red Hawk determination with an interception and touchdown.

Thursday, Sept. 25

The senior boys' soccer team played Fene-lon in their second game of the season. Great goaltending by McKay Conebeare held the score at zeros after the first half. After a Fene-lon goal early in the second half made it 1-0, the Hawks made a late push, but couldn't get the equalizer.

Submitted by Judi Paul's class



Above, Archie Stouffer Elementary School's junior boy runner Peyton Bunn competes at the 14th annual Invitational J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Cross-Country Meet on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Haliburton. There were 344 runners that represented 11 schools across the region. ASES had 45 boys and girls participate.



Archie Stouffer Elementary School's primary runner Charlotte Moynes competes on Thursday, Sept. 25 in Haliburton.

Photos by Darren Lum

Results in for running

The 14th annual Invitational J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Cross Country Meet Results (for area schools)

Top three:

Primary Girls
1. Tate Smith, SBES
2. Charlotte Moynes, ASES

Team champion SBES 20 points

Primary boys
3. Logan Tripp, SBES

Junior girls

1. Ava Smith, ASES
2. Brooke Stoves, ASES
3. Emma Tidey, JDHES
Team champion JDHES

20 points

Junior boys

3. Colin Glecoff

Intermediate boys

3. Alex Little, ASES

Senior boys

2. Shawn Walker, ASES

3. Lucas Haedicke



Archie Stouffer Elementary School's junior girl runner Brooke Stover competes at the 14th annual Invitational J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Cross-Country Meet.



Primary runner Sofie Mills takes part in the run.



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2014 Municipal Elections REMINDER

Property owners in lake communities of the upper Trent watershed contribute approximately 80% of the local municipal tax base.

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Minden Branch

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on November 13, 2014

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or Al Mayo 705-286-2011

Before

October 10, 2014

You do not have to be a member of the Legion for the purpose of this notice.



Hawks play Kawartha West Round 2 Championship

The 2014 Red Hawks golf team coach Ken Rosenberg, left back, Cole Finlay, Regan Casey, Brenden McKee, Kyle Warburton, coach Paul Longo, Parker Smolen, Sam Longo, Angus Sullivan and Lucas Esson, before the tee off to the Kawartha West round two championship on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at the Blairhampton Golf Course in Minden.
Darren Lum Staff

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HHSS was well-represented for their annual Terry Fox Run, as seen here with the mass start on Thursday morning.
Darren Lum Staff

HHSS raises \$2,700 for Terry

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Teamwork is ensuring repeated success for the 18th annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Terry Fox Run on Thursday, Sept. 25.

It raised \$2,700 for cancer research thanks to the contribution and participation of more than 200 students, who started at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field's track and then circled Head Lake and finished back at the track.

Organized and promoted by the Terry Fox Organiz-

ing Committee (a group of senior students), the event has raised more than \$80,000 in the event's history.

One of the organizers Paul Klose said this year's success is credited to the co-operation of the committee with the student government, the PALS (Practical Academic Life Skills students) and the volunteers, who helped with road marshalling.

"Everyone worked together to make this a great event," Klose said in an email.

Klose said special thanks goes to Todd's Independent and Haliburton Foodland, who donated the post-run refreshments of water and energy snacks.



Motoring for charity

The Knights of Columbus Minden Council 12421 hosted 25 riders for their first Knights of Columbus Scenic Fall Colour Motorbike Tour on Saturday, Sept. 27. Minden's Grand Knight, Lawrence VanLieshout, said the event, which included a scooter, sportbikes and cruisers, raised more than \$900 for local charities. The multi-hour ride went throughout the entire county. The ride started and finished at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Minden. VanLieshout plans to make this an annual event, repeating it next year at the same time.

Darren Lum Staff



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It could be a matter of life or death

Free CPR workshop being offered on Oct. 14 at S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Taking a few hours out of your busy schedule could result in saving someone's life.

On Oct. 14 the Haliburton County Paramedic Service is hosting a free CPR workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre in Minden.

From 6:30-9 p.m., participants will learn the basics of this life-saving method, which can help in a time of crisis, said Larry Blanchard, deputy-chief of quality assurance and education for the paramedic department.

"We give a training package to everyone," said Blanchard. "It has a mannequin, DVD and all the instructions that we're going to teach that night."

The purpose of the workshop is not only to provide CPR skills but also tools to take with you after the workshop is over, by way of a CPR Anytime kit.

Those tools can be used to teach CPR skills to family members, friends or coworkers.

"I've actually had grandparents who have taken the course and then what they do is go home and have a family CPR weekend," said Blanchard. "What we're trying to do is train as many people as possible, so they can go out to the curling club, the legions, the community centres and if something does happen, somebody is able to act."

The event is open to all ages, with past workshops teaching participants from age eight to 80, said Blanchard.

"We're trying to give everyone the basics of CPR, because if they ever do need it then they can use it," he said.

Apart from learning CPR, the workshop familiarizes people with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which are located across Haliburton County.

The machines assist those who are suffering from a heart attack, and gives instructions to the user once they are turned on, said Blanchard.

"Doesn't matter which AED it is, anywhere, they are all the same," he said. "It tells them when they need to push harder or if they are doing it correctly."

In the Haliburton Highlands there are 38 public AEDs, a large increase since eight years ago, when there were about five sites, said Blanchard.

When the door for the AED is opened, an alarm sounds, to attract attention and hopefully someone who knows CPR to the area.

"You're first two minutes of CPR are your best two minutes," said Blanchard. "After that you get tired ... so you



should be changing people every two minutes, then that way you're always getting your best two minutes of CPR. The more people who know CPR, the better it is."

Those who have done a CPR class before are invited to come and refresh their skills, as it is extremely important that the method be done properly.

"If you're not doing proper CPR then it's not effective," said Blanchard.

Those interested in attending the workshop on Oct. 14 are asked to register ahead of time, by calling 705-457-1616 or by emailing abrohm@county.haliburton.on.ca.

The Minden workshop is being supported by the county and the township of Minden Hills.

Donations to the public AED program are appreciated.

Haliburton County paramedic Chris Parish demonstrates how to do life-saving CPR on a dummy from a training kit. Parish will be leading a free CPR workshop on Oct. 14 at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. All participants will receive a free kit which they can take home to use for practice.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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Guiding picking up after summer break

Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Here at the old farmhouse we continue to marvel at the fall colours with this year's palette enriched by more reds than last. Nature is so dependable. Already the ponies' coats are thickening in preparation for the cold weather ahead, and V's of Canada geese heading south honk overhead. Not

to be outdone new long johns from the Sears catalogue have already been added to my closet stash. Now for an update on ten year old grandson Ben's week. He was selected MVP for his softball team and continues to enjoy playing hockey for his Stouffville Clippers AA rep team. However in the music department just two weeks after being assigned a trumpet there is much to be desired. On a recent phone call from his Dad we were advised that Ben was not available as he was doing his music homework. Questioning the lack of any trumpet notes in the background Graeme explained that Ben had been relegated to the garage for his practice session. As his proud grandma I question if Harry James, Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie and Miles Davis were ever subjected to this lack of early appreciation.

It is said that bad things happen in threes. Yesterday we learned of a third friend who waking from sleep and enroute to the bathroom opened the wrong door and fell downstairs to the basement. As a caution if you usually are up in the night check your pathway for any hazards, install a night light and in a house consider a night latch on the cellar door.

Do you have your tickets yet for the annual Roast Beef Dinner & Loonie Auction at the Legion Branch 441 Kin-

mount coming up on Saturday, October 18th? There are a limited number of tickets available for this popular event at a cost of \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Based on last year's turnout it is best to call 705-488-3462 now and avoid being disappointed. For more information on events at this busy Branch check out its new facebook page at facebook.com/kinmount legion.

The theme will be Harvest Homecoming this Thanksgiving weekend with festive events taking place at the Railway Station including a Pancake Breakfast. While there this will be the last opportunity to visit the Farmers Market this season open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the historic Railway Station. On both Saturday, October 11th & Sunday, October 12th the 20th Kinmount Harvest Homecoming Thanksgiving Studio Tour will welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet and see the work of eleven members of the Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild. This compact Tour fits well into holiday family plans and the colours along its route should be at their peak. For a brochure/map drop by the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace, visit www.kinmount.ca or call 705-488-2938. More information can also be found on facebook.com/kin-

mountarea.studioutour.

Many of the community activities have resumed after the summer break with the Kinmount Guiding Unit providing learning experiences for school aged girls on Monday evenings at the Community Centre from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach program visiting the Community Centre on the 3rd Monday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon. It is important to keep this free opportunity available for babies, preschoolers and parents here in Kinmount and the surrounding areas so attendance is to be encouraged. Tai Chi classes are held on Mondays & Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Galway Hall and Yoga on Thursdays 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre with a fee of \$9/session. At Kinmount Baptist Church the Youth Group meets on Friday nights and Sunday mornings it's Kids Zone at 11 a.m. while St. James Anglican Church has a Kids Club on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Super Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. with a kid's movie and a Knitting Club Thursdays at 1 p.m. with no experience necessary.

While delivering a draft of last Sunday's bulletin for Kinmount United Church to the speaker member Marion Sedgewick we noted the sign designating her homestead as a Century Farm. According to the Internet this Century Farm recognition in the province of Ontario was initiated as a Canadian Centennial project of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario. Also a designation in the U.S.A. in most states and provinces the essential requirement for the award is that the property must have remained in the same family continuously for 100 years or more and currently be a working farm or ranch. There was a "presence" on this pioneer homestead carved out of the bush by her forefathers. One could almost hear the laughter of children after school with chores completed playing outdoors. It was lovely there.

Until next week...

Notice



TENDER

Trillium Lakelands District School Board invites bids from interested parties for the project listed below:

RFT #B15-01 Snowploughing Contract (2 Year)
City of Kawartha Lakes, Regional Municipality of Muskoka and Haliburton County

Closing Date: Thursday, October 2, 2014 Time: 2:00:00 P.M.

Bid documents must be downloaded from www.biddingo.com/tlds. A fee may be applicable. Tender number RFT #B15-01 must be clearly marked on all documentation. Tender packages will not be available through Facility Services Departments. Any bids not registered with Biddingo will be disqualified.

Larry Hope, Director of Education

Louise Clodd, Chair of the Board



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act*, and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-019/14, H-020/19 & H-021/14
Applicant: William & Susan Little
Location of the Property: Lot 26, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: 3 New Lots
- File No. H-026/14
Applicant: Helen Box
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 1st day of October, 2014

Michele Moore
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s.40)

NOTICE is hereby given in accordance with Section 40 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 there will be a Municipal Election in the Township of Algonquin Highlands for the offices of:

Councillor Ward 1 - One (1) to be elected

Councillor Ward 3 - One (1) to be elected

Trustee, French Language Public School Board - One (1) to be elected for the Conseil scolaire Viamonde by Wards 1, 2 and 3 Electors.

The Municipal Election will be conducted using Vote-By-Mail.

Voters' kits will be mailed out to eligible electors during the week of September 29, 2014. If you do not receive a kit by October 7, 2014 please contact the Municipal Office.

For further information on the Municipal Election please contact the Municipal Office at 705-489-2379 or visit the Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands

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County card scores

September 19 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka reports that for the pinks Linda Voycey led at 280 then Marg Oetelaar 247 and Clara Miscio 184. At 234 Garth Windsor took top marks for the whites followed by Al McMullen 203 and Pat Marshall 202.

September 23 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Sue Pethick 5,420, Paul Pethick 4,850, Kathie Porter 3,980 and Frank Schlotter 3,920 with Pearl Foster awarded the Lucky Loonie.

September 23 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Georgia Macey was first at 4,150 with Grace Loughheed next at 3,820 and Jan Heaven third at 3,630. There were three Small Slams over the morning by Jan Heaven and Georgia Macey, Catherine Kellett and Lorraine Campbell and Grace Loughheed partnered with Diane James.

September 23 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the gents at 286 was our interim reporter Tom Grix then Garth Windsor 284, Clare Obdam 273 and Ida Young 233. For the ladies top marks went to Pat Norman 285, Pearl Cowen 267, Theresa Deak 261 and Jean Scadden 227.

September 24 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Tom and Dorothy Howat 61 percent, Ev Morgan and Reet Murray 55 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 48 percent. Over in East/West top honours went to Tom Davidson and Gord Cochrane 72 percent, Kathie Porter and Ruth Forrester 62 percent and Vange Croucher partnered with Margo Davidson 54 percent.

September 24 bid euchre at Stanhope: Topping the pink charts was Pat Marshall at 267 followed closely by

our reporter Linda Lambert 266 with Marg Oetelaar 260 third. First for the whites at 264 was Marion Farr then Al McMullen 221 and Tom Orr 209 while moonshots landed on Marg Oetelaar, Linda Lambert, Jason Peacock, Marion Farr and Pat Marshall.

September 25 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Jean Scadden 281, Pat Roussel 253, Gala Newell 246 and Vi Howell 242. At 285 Dorothy McElwain came first representing the gents followed by Jesse Barlow 274, Marcy Morgan 255 and Tom Grix 245. Ron Morrison held the hidden score, Jean Scadden won call 1 and Howard Smith the card draw while Tom Grix, Archie Ross and Dwaine Lloyd took the moonshots. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this news.

September 25 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Bev Johnson and John B. with Penny Catanho and Reg Coulter posting the high scores. Pearl Cowen and Warren Hueson claimed the evening's lows while Warren took home one of the other prizes along with Murray Daniels, Penny Catanho, Steve Zellers and Reg Coulter. Thanks to our reporter May Bradbury for this news.,

September 26 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Reet Murray and Ev Morgan led at 60 percent, followed by Vange Croucher and Gord Cochrane 59.4 percent, Tom and Dorothy Howat 59.1 percent, Ruth Forrester partnered with Carol Powadiuk 58 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 57 percent. Thanks to our interim bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh [3 events] for this update.

September 26 bid euchre at Club 35: Jean Dutka reports that for the pinks Marg Oetelaar led at 282 then Pat Marshall 276 and Loretta Lamb 226. At 287 Al McMullen was

high man for the whites followed by Mary Lou Deely 282 and David Lamb 253 with Bud Pipher holding the hidden score and Al McMullen taking three moonshots.

September 26 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: From Shirley Howe comes the news that Arthur Forbes won for high hands, Sherin Brown for both lone hands and the special prize and Pat Bailey for low hands.

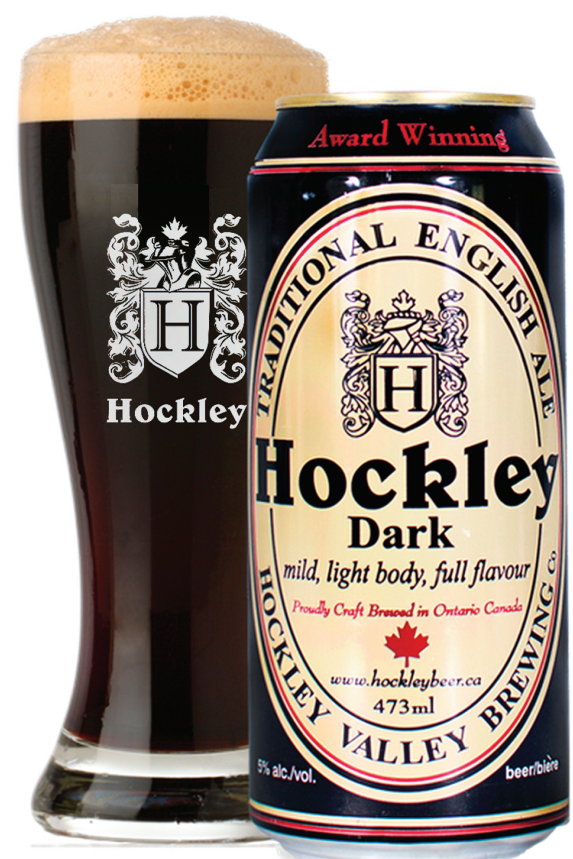
September 29 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Betty Sharpe and Yvonne Arbuthnot with Margaret Fletcher and Don Blakey posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Lil Mann, Betty Sharpe won the special prize and the skunk came round to visit Penny Catanho. Thanks to Tim Sharpe for this report.

September 29 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: At 294 Karin Harrison led the scoring with Dorothy McElwain 267 next and Jim Corbett 243 third. Rose Isaacson also reports that Jesse Barlow won the draw while Ron Morrison and Dorothy McElwain took the moonshots.

September 29 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Joan Riel won for high hands, Margaret Fletcher for lone hands and Pearl Cowen for both low hands and the special prize.

September 29 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Linda Voycey with Marg Oetelaar and Ann Manning recording the high scores. The evening's lows were claimed by Mary and Bud Pipher with Linda Voycey taking home the baloney. This news comes from our reporter Garth Windsor Esq.

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Noon to 2 p.m. this Thursday, Minden Legion will be serving hot turkey with all the trimmings, prepared by volunteer cook Lee MacLean. Cost is \$10 per person. Many of our patrons look forward to making this very popular special their main meal of the day. It's also our honour to serve this in the private dining room for Community Care monthly meal.

Do you know a living veteran of the Second World War? Please provide the Minden Legion with their name and regimental number (or the details of their service), as all eligible veterans, even if they are not mem-

bers of the Royal Canadian Legion, can receive a special 75th anniversary commemorative pin and certificate created by the Federal Government.

A message to all veterans: please let Minden's Service Officer Al Mayo know by Oct. 10 if you would like an appointment with Scott Young, the Legion's Provincial Service Officer. Mr Young will be coming to the area on Nov. 13 to assist any veteran with applications or appeals to Veterans Affairs.

Attention all cottagers, when you are clearing out your cottage cupboards and closing up for the winter, please remember the Minden area Food Bank. Saturday, Sunday and Monday of Thanksgiving weekend, executive member Jim Ross will accept food bank donations at the Minden Legion, Hwy 35 just north of the turnoff to Haliburton. Jim will deliver all canned goods, paper products, etc to the Minden area Food Bank.

Thanksgiving Weekend is shaping up to be busy at the Minden Legion. If you are taking in the Haliburton County Studio Tour on Saturday, Oct. 11, drop by the Legion for an Oktoberfest barbecue with potato salad. Or maybe your spouse still wants to shop and you want to stop and relax a bit! Come on in, the Branch will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a volunteer bartender. Saturday evening, starting at 8 p.m., the Legion features the music and dance party of the year. Zoe Chilco and the Jump and Jive Band, with Paul Chilco on guitar, John Deehan on sax, Paul Greco on drums and Ian Pay on bass. Get your tickets early, \$8 advance or \$10 at the door. The Minden Legion will also be open noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday and Monday of Thanksgiving Weekend for your last chance to get a ticket on our quilt draw taking place on Monday Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10, and only 1,500 tickets have been printed. You could be the lucky winner of a full quilt, or a baby quilt or a heritage afghan, handmade by the Creative Crew, with the quilting donated by The Quilter's Inn at Kinmount. Good Luck!

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Harvest festival at Dorset ladies' night

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The Dorset Lions Walk for Dog Guides on Saturday, Sept. 27 was a huge success. Only five walkers and dogs this year but the pledges and donations collected far exceeded expectations. There was free water, hot chocolate, coffee and of course delectable treats for the dogs. It was a beautiful day for all the volunteers and walkers with the fall colours just about at peak. Plans are underway for the 2015 walk. If you missed the event but would still like to donate to this very worthwhile cause, please contact Eve at 705-766-9906.

Dorset Ladies Night will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. The theme is "harvest festival" and includes a chili cook-off, pie baking contest (enter one or both), bobbing for apples, pumpkin seed spitting and an embroidery hoop pumpkin craft. Please register by calling the Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 or by email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca. Tell your friends! The more the merrier! Cost is \$5 per person.

Get ready for the second annual Dorset and Oxtongue Lake Community Scarecrow Contest being hosted by The Township of Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails Department and the District of Muskoka Townships and Villages Initiative. Everyone is encouraged to get into the spirit and participate - why? Because it will be fun! Individuals, community and church groups, businesses, put together teams. All are welcome!

Create a scarecrow and display it at the end of your driveway or in front of your business. Call or email the Rec Centre by Oct. 6 to register - then you have until Oct. 9 to complete your creation. The organizers will be out to take pictures on Oct. 9. Pictures will be displayed at the Dorset Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Show on Oct. 11. Come out to the craft show to vote for your favourite. The winners will be chosen by community vote.

To wrap the contest up, there will be a Pumpkin Pie Social at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. where there will be awards for first, second and third places. For more information or to register, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Birthday wishes for Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 go out to Sarah Parniak, Ryan Robinson-Hatton, Marlene Shortreed and happy anniversary to Rob and Chantal Hamilton. Enjoy your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at my home number, 705-766-0076.

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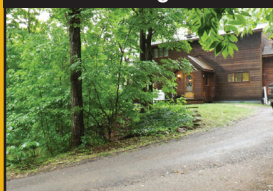
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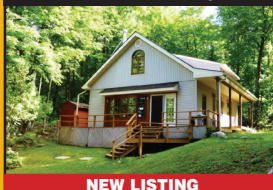
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- Rustic hand hewn cottage; West exposure
- Spectacular deck with amazing views
- Typical Algonquin-style lot; mature hemlocks

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Haliburton Lake View \$104,900



- 54 acres off year round road
- Hydro, bell, high speed at lot line
- Building site has terrific view over lake
- Close to public beach & boat launch

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Wenona Lake Access \$147,500



- 4-Season cottage overlooking Wenona Lake
- Deeded lake access just steps away
- Full septic, drilled well
- New metal roof and woodstove

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Pristine Little Hawk Lake \$249,900



- 235 ft. frontage with western exposure
- Deep, clean, weed-free waterfront
- Older 3 BR cottage perfect for a handyman
- Affordable opportunity on a sought after lake

Valerie Kulla 286-2138

Minden Home \$99,900



- 2 Bdrm log home with 4 pc bath
- single car garage & nice flat lot
- located close to public school
- perfect first time buyer home

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Head Lake Norland \$219,000



NEW PRICE

- 43 acre vacant parcel
- 200 feet waterfront
- South West exposure,
- Hardwood bush

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

South of Minden \$119,900



- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
- 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
- Loads of space, private yard

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Long-Miskwabi Lake Chain \$229,900



NEW PRICE

- Newly renovated 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage
- New deck, roof, windows and doors
- New lakeside patio and dock system
- Outstanding chattel list. Value loaded package.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Glamor Lake \$589,000



NEW LISTING

- 5 bdrm, 3 bath, master w/ensuite
- WO to lakeside deck from master, kit & livingrm
- WO bsmt, landscaped lot, perennial gardens
- 3 car gar. with storage, + out buildings, custom dock

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31

Area Of Fine Homes \$549,900



- 175ft N/W Exp. - Miles of Boating on Boshkung
- Great Home for Entertaining - 3000 sq ft of Living Space
- XLarge Garage with a Fantastic 750 sq ft Loft Above
- Beautifully Landscaped .69 acre Lot with Circular Driveway

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

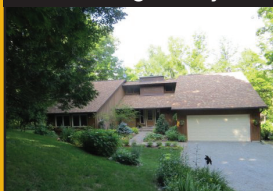
Big Barnum Lake \$599,900



- Viceroy style cottage w/250' ftg & west exp
- Open concept, pine vaulted ceilings, stone FP
- Master ensuite, walk-in closet & w/o to deck
- 480 sq ft Bunkie, great privacy, no motor lake

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

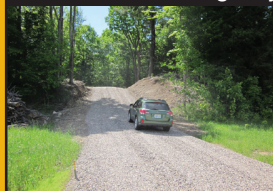
Living is Easy at Soyers Lake! \$899,000



- Magnificent custom built home or cottage
- 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, stunning granite fireplace
- Full walkout lower level, great lot, super view
- Double and single car garages

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Highway 35 Lots



- Two prime building lots north of Minden
- Easy access from highway; drive-ways in
- \$125,000 - 3.5 acres; \$99,000 - 3.1 acres
- HST in addition. Commercial use possible

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Algonquin Highlands Home \$239,000



NEW LISTING

- 3 Bdrms/ 2 Baths, Cathedral Ceilings
- Custom Pine Kitchen, Hardwood and Ceramic Floors
- Full Walk-Out Lower Level
- 24' x 24' Insulated, Wired Shop

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Boshkung Lake \$649,000



- Year round ctge/home on Echo Bay
- 151' of hard sand beach, with rock outcrops
- 3 bdrms, brick FP, custom kitchen, whirlpool tub
- West exp. and excellent privacy

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Loon Lake \$329,000



- 4 season, 3 bdrm open concept cottage
- 1000+ sq. ft. of living space
- Private level lot with wade-in sand shoreline
- Renovated bath, screened room, laminate flrs.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Halls Lake \$499,000



- 2500 sf 3+1 bdrm year round 2 storey home
- Gorgeous lake view & 160 ft of deep water
- Separate garage with attached bunkie
- Neat as a pin Viceroy style

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



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